

Союз Українок Канади



# Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada

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## March 2016 Newsletter

**Please distribute this newsletter to your members and others.**

### GREETINGS



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The National Executive of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (UWAC) extends wishes for peace and tranquility during this Lenten period for the joyous feast of the Resurrection of our

Saviour Jesus Christ. Many branches will be involved in baking pasky and babky during this time to provide a supply for those who do not, or can no longer bake. Hopefully you have an opportunity to participate in some of the deeply spiritual services of our Orthodox faith leading up to Velykden' and Bright Week in May. May you have a Blessed Easter! Бажаємо Вам Веселих Великодних Свят!

~ Lesia Perritt, President

### ANKETA – QUESTIONNAIRE

Please remember to send your completed *Anketa*/Questionnaire, member directory, and fees to the National Office by **April 1, 2016**.

### A YEAR TO CELEBRATE!

During 2016, there are several anniversaries which will be celebrated or observed in various ways.

90th - Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada  
125th - Ukrainian Immigration to Canada  
100th - St. Petro Mohyla Institute, Saskatoon, SK  
75th - Ukrainian Canadian Congress  
25th - Independence of Ukraine

### UWAC 90TH ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of our 90th anniversary, we encourage branches to document, with text and photos, a Church Holy Day or event in your parish in keeping with a UWAC



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convention resolution:

**Faith and Culture - A Celebration.** Each Parish celebrates Feast Days and other events in their own unique manner. There is no need to do anything new, just record what you do. Gain the assistance of your Parish Priest for related readings and other spiritual information. Ask your Provincial Executive for guidance, if necessary, and send your documentation to them by December 31, 2016. The resolution, in full, is as follows.

### RESOLUTION: Faith and Culture – A Celebration

#### WHEREAS:

- (1) Our Orthodox faith provides us with a framework for living;
- (2) Our culture is rich and colorful;
- (3) The UWAC is active in preserving and promoting both faith and culture;
- (4) Many Ukrainian Canadians are seeking spiritual guidance, instruction, fellowship and comfort in other faith communities and
- (5) Communication methods have improved.

## **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- (1) Each local branch be encouraged to celebrate an area related to a church holy day and/or a cultural celebration;
- (2) The UWAC Provincial Executive coordinate and provide encouragement and assistance to the local branches, e.g. resources, advice;
- (3) Other branches and parishes be encouraged to support the events created and
- (4) A collection of these celebrations be compiled by the UWAC National Executive in celebration of the UWAC 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016.

- f) After the event, do an evaluation; then do a similar or different event at a later date.
- g) Submit the plan to the Provincial Executive so they can act as advisors, mentors, resources and supportive sisters.
- h) This would be a great project in celebration of UWAC 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016.

*Moved by: Dorothy Stachniak  
Seconded by: Donna Kowalishin  
April 27, 2015*

## **Background and Ideas for Successful Implementation:**

- (1) Every parish can choose at least one holy day or celebration that they want to emphasize, well known or not, with a project/event. This project/event could:
  - a) give everyone a chance to use their talents and abilities to put something together;
  - b) educate the Orthodox community and the general public;
  - c) raise the profile of the local branch/parish;
  - d) increase the interaction among nearby branches and parishes and
  - e) possibly raise funds.
- (2) Getting people involved in their short-term project would allow for better use of their peoples' unique and valuable talents and skills.
- (3) Suggestions:
  - a) Choose a holy day or special day of commemoration.
  - b) Research the meaning, customs and traditions associated with it by consulting the clergy and a variety of resources.
  - c) Develop the plan and the project by finding the talents and skills in your local branch/parish/area to put it on and by welcoming non-members to help.
  - d) Find ways to include all ages in the planning, production and enjoyment of the event.
  - e) Advertise the event as much as possible.

## **ARCHIVES**

The current National Executive is determined to collect and preserve our UWAC archival material and thus, our rich and valuable organizational history. We are aware that archival materials are scattered across the country. These materials need to be centralized, carefully reviewed, catalogued and preserved.

Our UWAC Constitution reads: *In the event that a Local Branch loses its membership or is dissolved for some other reason, all existing records and assets shall be transferred to the National Executive to be held "In Trust" for a period of five (5) years in the event that the branch is reorganized.*

There are a number of branches that have not been active for many years. We suspect there may be archival records stored in private homes or other places and may unfortunately be destroyed before arrangements are made for their transfer.

We are embarking on collecting archives and bringing them to the office space at St. John's Cultural Centre in Edmonton. We are appealing to UWAC Branches who know former members of inactive branches, to contact the National Office for centralized preservation of these records.

**HELP! If you know of anyone travelling from Winnipeg to Edmonton in a van or truck before the end of April and would be willing to transfer boxes of UWAC records for processing and archival storage, please contact our office.**



## CANADA SUMMER JOBS

We have submitted an application for a federal grant under Canada Summer Jobs to hire a post secondary student to begin organizing UWAC archives. The job will be advertised on our website, at universities, residences, and at online Job Banks. Following is student summer job opportunity.

### STUDENT SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

**Student Summer Job:** Archivist

**Employer:** The Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (UWAC)

**Location:** UWAC National Office, 10611-110 Ave. NW, Edmonton, AB T5H 1H7

#### Tasks & Responsibilities

- identify and interpret historic records from three levels of the organization: local branches, provincial and national executives
- sort and categorize historic records including events, photographs, meeting minutes, correspondence and financial records
- label, organize and file records into appropriate archival containers
- duplicate, photocopy and photograph damaged archival records
- assemble archives in relation to celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada and the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration to Canada
- document and prepare progress reports
- work independently following an outline of tasks to be completed
- meet regularly with supervisor and mentors
- perform other related tasks as archival work progresses

#### Job Skills

- proficiency in reading/understanding Ukrainian cursive and print script
- critical thinking and problem solving
- systematic and well-organized
- attention to detail
- ability to follow directions
- self-motivation
- interest in history
- experience with archives or similar documents, an asset

#### Job Criteria

- current full-time student returning to class in fall of 2016; age 15-30, Canadian citizen

- preferred post-secondary student of Library and Information Studies
- other post-secondary student, or strong secondary student
- 14-week position, 37.5 hrs./week, beginning May 16, 2016
- \$16 per hour
- position is subject to UWAC receiving a *Canada Summer Jobs* grant

**Submit cover letter and resume to:** above address or [info@uwac-national.ca](mailto:info@uwac-national.ca)

**Deadline for job application:** April 30, 2016

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## UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX

### SUMMER CAMPS

Thank you to branches and individuals who, in whole or in part, are able to sponsor children at summer camps. The youth participate in religious, cultural, educational, social and physical activities. They leave with knowledge, independence, and a deeper sense of identity, having formed close relationships with others of similar background. Send them to camp! Following are our Ukrainian Orthodox Camps and their contact information.

- Ukrainian Orthodox Camp Kolomayka; Aldergrove, B.C. <[campkolomayka.com](http://campkolomayka.com)>
- Camp BAR-V-NOK, Pigeon Lake, AB <[barvnok.com](http://barvnok.com)>
- Kiev's-K-Hi Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Camp; Moose Lake by Bonnyville, Alberta; <[kievskhi.com](http://kievskhi.com)>
- Green Grove Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Camp; Wakaw Lake, SK <[greengrovecamp.ca](http://greengrovecamp.ca)>
- Camp Trident; Crystal Lake, SK <[www.dbi.ca/trident/](http://www.dbi.ca/trident/)> or <[procyshyn.a.l@sasktel.net](mailto:procyshyn.a.l@sasktel.net)>
- Camp Veselka at Gimli, Manitoba. Contact: Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral Office: (204) 582-8946 <[htuomc.org](http://htuomc.org)>
- St. Andrew's College Program, Mini-College (day program); Winnipeg, MB (204) 474-8895
- Camp St. Sophie; St. Sophie Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral; Montreal, Quebec; <[stsophiemontreal.com](http://stsophiemontreal.com)>
- Pokrova Camp; St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Montreal, Quebec <[svyatapokrova.org](http://svyatapokrova.org)>

## NEWS FROM:

### ST. PETRO MOHYLA INSTITUTE

#### Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural & Leadership Camp

July 17 - August 20, 2016



This summer will be full of activity for St. Petro Mohyla Institute. The St. Petro Mohyla Institute Board of Directors & Executive Director are thrilled to announce the esteemed Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural & Language Camp will be offered again in 2016. The Program will be a five week long camp consisting of formal language instruction with a focus on Ukrainian culture and leadership training. At the end of the five weeks, each student will receive a credit in Ukrainian 10, 20 or 30.

The cultural and language components of the camp will contain instruction in Ukrainian language, local history, choral singing, dance, writing pysanky, and traditional culinary dishes. The leadership component of the camp will focus on team-building activities, global awareness, responsibility as an engaged citizen, and volunteerism. The program will also have a focus on physical activity, with day trips to surrounding lakes, swimming, hiking, canoeing and physical games.

The program will rely on bringing in esteemed members of the community to pass on their knowledge. A few examples include: guest speakers, who would discuss their success and how it relates to leadership; and guest instructors, who would demonstrate the art of pysanky, the cultural significance of traditional bread-making, and culinary instruction in making pyrohy.

At the conclusion of the camp, there will be a final concert put on by the camp participants. This will showcase Ukrainian dance and singing, with the potential for a bandura showcase as well. The goal is to continue the tradition of the Ukrainian Immersion Camp, with the added benefit of a focus on leadership. Participants will develop life-long friendships and have an experience of a lifetime!

To register or for more information please visit <http://www.mohylainstitute.ca/summerschool.html>

### ST. PETRO MOHYLA INSTITUTE 100TH ANNIVERSARY Celebrating 100 Years & Beyond June 24 – 26, 2016



St. Petro Mohyla Institute is excited to announce that our anniversary celebration and a “Reunion of Bursaky” will take place the weekend of June 24 to 26, 2016 in Saskatoon. The 100th Anniversary Committee has a fabulous weekend planned and bursaky, family and friends are invited to help celebrate St. Petro Mohyla’s 100th anniversary! Between 1900 and 1910, a number of educators and students of Ukrainian origin foresaw a need for a student residence that would serve the needs of young Ukrainian men and women. Their motto was: “To be a good Canadian Citizen, it was desirable to maintain one’s origin and national culture.” They launched a highly successful fundraising campaign to establish a Ukrainian based residence and cultural institution.

The institute was named in honour of Petro Mohyla, an educationalist and dignitary of the Orthodox Church in Kyiv. Students were invited to live at this institute where language, history and literature classes would be offered while attending high school, secondary school, normal school and university. Mohyla became a home away from home for students while pursuing a higher education. Forty students responded that first year and lived in a house on Lansdowne Avenue. In 1917, the number of students increased to seventy. A decision was made to purchase and remodel the former Empress Hotel on Main Street. The institute remained there until 1965 when the current institute was opened on Temperance Street.

While 2016 will mark the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada, St. Petro Mohyla Institute will mark its own milestone by “Celebrating 100 Years and Beyond”! Please visit the website for more details about this exciting event [www.mohylainstitute.ca/100.html](http://www.mohylainstitute.ca/100.html)

We hope to see you there!

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## LET'S SUPPORT OUR VARIOUS UKRAINIAN SUMMER PROGRAMS ACROSS CANADA

In March each year, the month of the Ukrainian poet and literary bard Taras Shevchenko, we begin in our "hromada" to think of summer activities for our children and youth (often also our grandchildren). During the past year, we have had the youth enrolled in various activities and now we want them to continue this learning curve also during the summer months.

First of all, our community has numerous Ukrainian Summer Camps for the children usually from 8 to 13/14 years of age. These camps are great places where the children learn their Ukrainian heritage, language and church traditions with a competent staff. In fact, the camp becomes a sort of childrens/youth "hromada - parafiaya" (community/parish). We are most grateful that our visionaries bought and built these camps at lakesides in just about all the provinces in Canada. Make sure we enroll the children yet this year, in 2016, for another successful summer program.

In addition to the summer camps, our Ukrainian Canadian community has established Summer School Programs for the youth 13 to 18 for the summer months. Over the past 60 years, such Summer Schools have existed at St. Andrew's College in Winnipeg, St. John's Institute in Edmonton and St. Petro Mohyla Institute in Saskatoon. These schools have produced many leaders for our community in Canada as well as for our churches. The curriculum has concentrated on a program of intensive language instruction, cultural work, classes in history, geography and literature, as well as the Ukrainian arts (dancing, music, theater, etc.) as well as some excursions.

This summer (2016), only one such school will be operating and that is the St. Petro Mohyla Program in Saskatoon. As a community, we should wholeheartedly support the vision of the summer school put forth by the Board and Staff of the Institute. Their program includes intensive Ukrainian language training at the Grade 10, 11 and 12 level as well as cultural courses in the various disciplines, fine arts, and weekend excursions. It is hoped that 15- 20 students from across Canada and USA will enroll!

A special feature of the St. Petro Mohyla Institute program this year will be the addition of 12-15 students from Ukraine. These students will be coming from Sambir and Lviv in Western Ukraine and are being sponsored by Project Liubov-Love (a Canadian humanitarian institution based out of Winnipeg). It is believed that the interaction between Ukrainian Canadian students and Ukraine's students will be most beneficial for both sides. The spirit of "ZUSTRICH" (Encounter) seems like a nice way to have a great summer experience between the two groups of students.

So Parents and Grandparents let us make sure that we support these programs as best as possible by enrolling our little "kozaks" and "kniahyni" into a Summer Camp or a Summer School Program. The costs are reasonable but the results could be spectacular when we see the results of the "learning curve of the students". Anyways there could be no nicer gift for a student than a Summer School experience during the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Ukrainians in Canada!

For St. Petro Mohyla Institute summer program, contact them at 1240 Temperance St., Saskatoon, Sk., S7N 0P1; Ph. 306 653-1944; Email [info@mohylainstitute.ca](mailto:info@mohylainstitute.ca); and website [www.mohylainstitute.ca](http://www.mohylainstitute.ca)

### LET'S GIVE OUR CHILDREN/YOUTH A GREAT SUMMER GIFT OF UKRAINIAN CULTURAL ENRICHMENT DURING THE 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

Dr. Roman Yereniuk, Acting Director of the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies, University of Manitoba and Coordinator of Project Liubov-Love  
Contact: 204 474-8907 email: [roman.yereniuk@umanitoba.ca](mailto:roman.yereniuk@umanitoba.ca)

Permission is granted to reprint this editorial in newspapers and bulletins across Canada and USA.

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*Invest in young generations.*

Quote from Michael Levitt, Nobel Prize recipient, posted in the Nobel Museum, Stockholm, Sweden

## JOB OPPORTUNITY



SUS Foundation of Canada

**Position Title:** National Youth Organizer

**Organization:** CYMK-UOY (Canadian Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Association)

**Salary Range:** \$40,000 to \$50,000

**Report to:** SUS Foundation of Canada - Toronto, Ontario

**Work Location:** Toronto, Ontario

### Position Summary

SUS Foundation of Canada is seeking a dynamic, experienced, results-oriented individual to revitalize and rebuild the CYMK-UOY organization branches across Canada. The position is a full-time position with a focus on organizing membership campaigns, supporting the development and implementation of stimulating youth programs, as well as sourcing and developing any materials/tools required to fulfill the mandate. The focus will also be on building and developing functional partnerships between CYMK-UOY and other organizations under the umbrella of the Ukrainian Self Reliance League (CYC).

### Primary responsibilities

- Develop and implement leadership, fellowship and spiritual strategies to engage the youth
- Aid in the development of existing locals and the creation of new locals
- Implement leadership and self-advocacy training/curriculum tailored to youth needs
- Conduct regular meetings with the CYMK-UOY National Executive
- Develop, implement, and report on an annual work plan focused on results with quarterly milestones and effective evaluation methods
- Assist in fund-raising through grants, membership and special events, working in collaboration with CYMK-UOY National Executive
- Administer and maintain website and social media presence.
- Become familiar with the organizational structure of USRL/CYC in Canada and how CYMK fits into it

### Qualifications

- Post Secondary Education
- Minimum of two year's experience with youth organizations with demonstrated results
- Ability to think strategically and plan programs and campaigns
- Strong oral, listening and written communication skills

- Ability to communicate in both Ukrainian and English
- Ability to collaborate with others and work effectively as a team
- Ability to travel and work evenings or weekends
- Knowledge of basic computer skills and social media platforms

### Application Instructions

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to SUS Foundation of Canada, 620 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. M5S 2H4. or by email to [hr@susfoundation.ca](mailto:hr@susfoundation.ca) by **April 29, 2016**

In your cover letter, tell us how your personal and professional background makes you an excellent candidate for this position. Only successful candidates will be contacted.

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## ACTIVITY BANK

During part of the USRL Strategic Planning Session in Regina, SK, December 2105, we discussed the importance of sharing successful initiatives, networking activities, fundraisers, youth events, etc. amongst our parishes. In this way we will inspire others and generate new initiatives across the country. Please briefly share your activities and unique ventures by contacting the National Office. These will be published in the next newsletter and future issues of Promin. Note the following activity.

### Outreach Initiative

The UWAC Branch of St. Anna is active in all facets of parish life at St. Anthony's in Edmonton. The parish has an in-reach/outreach ministry that provides assistance to people within the parish but also to those in the surrounding neighbourhood and the greater Edmonton area. One initiative of this ministry has been our back-to-school program. St. Anthony's is a distribution site for hampers through the Edmonton Food Bank. Most parents of these children struggle to provide their children with the basic necessities let alone all the items required by schools. Knowing the need in our community affects many children attending local schools, the parish began a school supply campaign. Schools in our community are contacted for their supply lists. A group of volunteers puts together those lists to find the age appropriate supplies needed for the recipients. Another group of volunteers contacts our food bank clients to see who would benefit most

from assistance with supplies. The client and supply lists are merged and another set of volunteers does the shopping and filling of the back packs. On the night of our give away, families we are helping are invited to the parish for a meal, fellowship and to receive their supplies. Through the generous donations of our Executive Board and parish members, along with our volunteers, we have run this campaign the past five years. This year we were able to provide back packs and supplies to 70 students in our community from kindergarten to grade 12.

~ Donna Reed

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## UCC AWARDS

Please note the following Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) announcements of two awards, included in part, with permission.

### ~ *Taras Shevchenko Medal*

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) announced its call for nominations for qualified individuals for the Taras Shevchenko Medal.

"The Shevchenko Medal is the highest form of recognition that can be granted by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress. It recognizes individuals of Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian descent for their outstanding national contribution towards the development of the Ukrainian Canadian community," stated UCC National President Paul Grod. "The Shevchenko Medals will be awarded at the UCC's Triennial Congress being held from September 29 - October 2, 2016, in Regina, SK."

The deadline for nominations for the Taras Shevchenko Medal is June 30, 2016. Visit the UCC website for the nomination form at <ucc.ca>. At the very top of the website is a menu bar; click on **Awards** for a Nomination Form.

**Конгрес Українців Канади оголошує прийом номінацій на нагородження Медаллюю ім. Тараса Шевченка**



"Шевченківська медаль є найвищою формою визнання, яку може присвоїти Конгрес Українців Канади. Нею нагороджують осіб українського та неукраїнського походження за визначний всеканадський внесок у розвиток українсько-канадської громади", заявив президент Національного Конгресу Павло Грод. "Нагородження Шевченківськими медалями здійснюватиметься на Трирічному Конгресі Українців Канади, який відбудеться з 29-го вересня до 2-го жовтня, 2016 р. у Реджайні, Саскачеван."

Лише номінації, отримані до 30-го червня 2016 р, будуть розглянуті для нагородження на Трирічному Конгресі.

Відвідайте двомовну веб-сторінку <ucc.ca>. На верху, потисніть *Awards*, щоб здобути номінаційну форму.

### ~ *UCC Youth Leadership Award of Excellence*

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress has issued a call for nominations for the UCC Youth Leadership Award of Excellence which will be presented at the XXV Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians in Regina from September 29-October 2, 2016.

The deadline for nominations for the Youth Leadership Award is June 30, 2016. Visit the UCC website for the application form at <ucc.ca>. At the very top of the website is a menu bar; click on **Awards** for a Nomination Form.

Конгрес Українців Канади оголошує прийом заявок на присвоєння Нагороди Молодого Провідника КУК, які вручатимуться під час XXV Трирічного Конгресу Українців Канади, що відбуватиметься 29-го вересня до 2-го жовтня, 2016 у Реджайні.

Номінації на Нагороду Молодого Провідника приймаються до 30-го червня 2016.

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